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Sir:

Attached is a completed Form PTO-1449 and copies of the pertinent parts of the references cited thereon. Following are comments on these references pursuant to Rule 98:

1. US Patent 5,473,732, H.M. Chang discloses a Relational Artificial Intelligence System, in which the relational technology is introduced. In the present invention, for the similar problem, the applicant discloses an object-oriented technology, which is a totally different technology with the relational technology.
2. US Patent 5,787,425, J.P. Bigus discloses an Object-Oriented Data Mining Framework Mechanism. It is an object-oriented data mining technique, but no "deductive" technique is applied. This is different with the present invention.
3. US Patent 5,875,285, H.M. Chang disclosed Object-Oriented Data Mining and Decision Making System. In the patent only object-oriented technique but no "deductive" technique is applied. "Deductive" is one of the key points in the present invention. Because "deductive" technique is applied, many objects can be deleted even before generation. This is the key to greatly speeding up the data mining process. This technique has never been found in any patents, papers, or books.

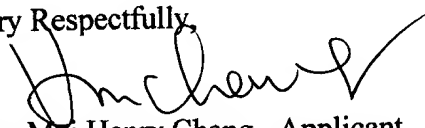
The following are review papers about knowledge discovery from databases (i.e., data mining). None of them mention that there exist any papers, patents, or products using deductive object-oriented learning technique to do knowledge acquisition from databases or any data set.

4. Fayyad, U., et al. 1996, From Data Mining to Knowledge Discovery in Databases, AI Magazine, (17) 3, 37-54. This is a review paper on data mining research published in fall 1996. Authors of this paper are authorities in data mining area, and this was why AI Magazine asked them to write the review paper. In this review paper, no deductive object-oriented data mining system product, patent, paper, or research was reported.
5. Thrun, S., et al., 1999, Automated Learning and Discovery, AI Magazine, (20) 3, 78-82. At the Conference on Automated Learning and Discovery, which took place in June 1998 at Carnegie Mellon University, there was no report on object-oriented data mining or object-oriented knowledge discovery from databases.

The key point of the applicant's present invention is that not only object-oriented technique but also deductive techniques is applied. Because "deductive" technique is applied, many objects can be deleted even before generation. This is the key to greatly speeding up the data mining process. This technique has never been introduced in any patents, papers, or books.

Therefore the following conclusion is achieved: The invention of the applicant has unobvious and novel features.

Very Respectfully,

  
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